



The Fair Oaks District Community Connection

Halloween: A Frightful Night Without Safety...

October 31 is a night celebrated by thousands of children dressed up as ghouls, goblins, princesses, cartoon characters and many other themes. Here are several safety tips and general practices that can help ensure the safety of young ones on this night.

When buying costumes, make sure they are flame retardant so little ones aren't put in harms way. While dressing children in costumes, make sure the costumes are short enough to prevent the children from tripping. If possible, use make up instead of masks to help little ones see where they are walking. If the costume is dark, put reflective tape on the costume and have your child carry a flashlight or glow stick so they are visible in the dark.

Make sure children are supervised by an adult while out in the neighborhoods. Always make sure you leave the houses with the same number of children you arrived with. If you are the recipient of trick-or-treaters at your house, make their travel to your door safe from open flames and objects that may catch their costumes. Have your porch light on and any other lighting you may have in your yard.

If you pass out candy, inspect it before the little ones start arriving. Make sure wrappers are sealed. Any candy with tampered wrappers should be kept out of the goodie bowl. Make sure pets are kept away from where the trick-or-treaters will be received at your house. Taking a few extra minutes to use the tips mentioned above will help ensure children have a safe and fun Halloween night. More safety tips inside this edition.

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Halloween Tips for Treats!

1. Walk with other kids or have your parents walk with you.
2. Stay on the sidewalks and don't cut across people's yards.
3. Cross at intersections and obey traffic signals.

4. If you wear a mask, make sure the holes are large enough to see and breathe through easily. **MAKE-UP IS SAFER.**

5. Have a plan so you cross the street only when necessary.

6. Don't go into other people's houses. Stay outside.

7. Go only to houses that are well lit.

8. Wear bright, reflective colors so that drivers can see you when it gets dark. Remember that just because you see the cars doesn't mean the drivers see you.

9. Be courteous and say "Thank you" to the people who give out treats.

Don't push others when you are at the door.



10. Have your parents check your treats for tampering. If you see something suspicious, throw it away. Make sure that the treats are in their original wrappers. Don't eat homemade treats unless you know the people who gave them to you.

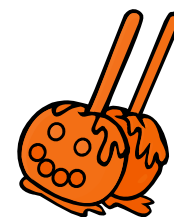
11. After dark, take a flashlight along. This will help you see where you are going and help drivers see you.

12. Wear costumes that are fireproof and not too long or too loose.

13. Tell your family on which streets you will be trick-or-treating.

14. If there are no sidewalks, always walk facing traffic.

**Happy
Halloween**





Neighborhood Watch News



Don't forget our last Neighborhood Watch training session in 2008! The October 16th training will be held in the roll call room at the Fair Oaks District Station at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity for the existing volunteers to take a refresher course as well as to train newcomers. If there is a large group at any given time we may change the venue to the Sully District Station conference room. **Do not forget to RSVP to MPO Sophia Grinnan via e-mail at sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov.** Training dates for 2009 will be announced in a later edition of our news letter, The Fair Oaks District Community Connection.

It will be up to each community to provide participants. Only if you have participants should you contact MPO Grinnan. Lack of participation will result in a cancellation. If the session is canceled, you will be notified by an automated response when you e-mail MPO Grinnan. For example: You e-mail and ask if the training will still be presented. After you send the e-mail you will get an automated reply indicating whether it is canceled.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will convene on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Fair Oaks District Police Station located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. For directions, call 703-591-0966 and press 0. **These meeting are not only for residents. Businesses are welcome and encouraged to attend!** These Watch get-togethers have proven to be a productive part of your program. We hope you had a great summer and we are looking forward to working with you.



CAC NEWS



Welcome back CAC! We hope you had a great summer!

First we want to thank you for your continued support and your outreach efforts with our station. Our patrol officers have actually missed speaking with you. Remember when you first began your efforts? Outreach seemed virtually impossible at first but our CAC persevered. Now officers often ask about you by name. Thank you for your efforts; your genuine and warm kindness is much appreciated and truly recognized by all.

The Fair Oaks District is proud to have you as our CAC.

**The guest speaker for the next meeting which will be held on October 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fair Oaks District Police Station, is
Diane Quebral of the Medical Reserve Corps.**

Fairfax County Police Department Community Forum

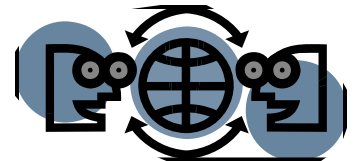
Have a voice in your police department!



Fairfax County Police Chief, Colonel David M. Rohrer invites ALL community members to an open forum discussion about the future of the Fairfax County Police Department.

The police department is committed to “positive change” and strengthening its community partnerships.

- ◇ What services do you think benefit the community most?
- ◇ What improvements would you like to see within your department?
- ◇ What new services should be implemented?
- ◇ Do you feel safe in Fairfax County? Why or why not?



Speak your mind:

Thursday, October 23, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Fair Oaks Church auditorium

4601 West Ox Road Fairfax, Virginia

Join the Fair Oaks District Police Station in this unique opportunity to change the direction of the Fairfax County Police Department.

For more information contact
Crime Prevention Officer, Sophia Grinnan at:
sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov
Or call 703-352-2163



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To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call the
Fairfax County Police Department at TTY: 703-204-2264.



Shopping Safety Guidelines



Holiday shopping is just around the corner. Here are some safety tips that will reduce your chance for victimization:



- Avoid shopping alone. Traveling in groups of two or more significantly reduces your chance of becoming a victim of crime.
- Be especially alert when walking to or from your vehicle to the shopping centers. Criminals know you are carrying cash, check-books, credit cards or newly purchased valuables.
- Trust your instincts. If you have an intuitive feeling something is wrong, trust your instincts. React immediately and take action. Many individuals suppress these feelings, because they fear their response will offend someone. React to your instincts and don't worry about someone else's feelings. If someone approaches you and you feel uncomfortable, move or ask for assistance.
- Stand tall and display confidence. Walk with purpose, scan the area around you and make casual eye contact with others to display confidence.
- Carry a cellular phone.
- Avoid wearing excessive jewelry. In particular, keep necklaces and bracelets inside you clothing
- Shop before dark and always park in well-lighted areas.
- Make sure all doors and windows are locked in your vehicle.
- Do not keep packages in plain view in your vehicle.
- Don't carry large sums of cash. If you do carry cash, do not display it in public or count cash in open areas.
- Have keys in hand before returning to the vehicle. Searching through a purse or briefcase after you've reached your car means you are distracted.
- As you approach the car, check to see if anyone is hiding underneath or inside. If you are concerned for any reason, simply walk past your car and call for help
- Lock your door immediately upon entering the vehicle. Make this your first action-even before you put the key in the ignition. And lock your door every time you get into your car-even if you are going for only a short ride.
- Check your surroundings before getting out of your car. If something or someone strikes you as out of place or threatening, drive away. If it's dark, go to a well lighted, heavily traveled area.
- Report any suspicious activity or person immediately to the Fairfax County Police Department at (703)691-2131.
- For more information about these and other personal safety tips or to request a presentation from the Crime Prevention Unit please contact MPO Sophia Grinnan or PFC Wayne Twombly at the Fair Oaks District Station (703)352-2163 or email at sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov or richard.twombly@fairfaxcounty.gov.





Dodge a Ticket...Did You Know?



§ 46.2-919.1. Use of wireless telecommunications devices by persons driving school buses.

No person shall use any wireless telecommunications device, whether handheld or otherwise, while driving a school bus, except in case of an emergency, or when the vehicle is lawfully parked and for the purposes of dispatching. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of two-way radio devices authorized by the owner of the school bus.

§ 46.2-2812. Licenses required.

On and after January 1, 2009, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in business in the Commonwealth as a towing and recovery operator without first obtaining a license as a Class A or Class B operator as provided in this chapter. Any violation of any provision of this section on or after January 1, 2009, shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor.

§ 46.2-914. Limitations on operation of mopeds.

A. No moped shall be driven on any highway or public vehicular area faster than **35 miles per hour**. Any person who operates a moped faster than 35 miles per hour shall be deemed, for all the purposes of this title, to be operating a motorcycle.

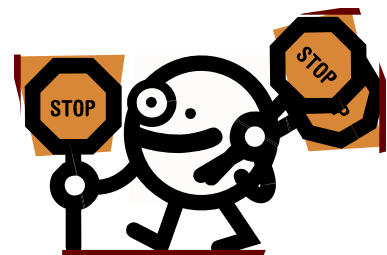
B. No moped shall be driven on any highway by any person under the age of 16, and every person driving a moped shall carry with him some form of identification that includes his name, address, and date of birth.

Violation of this subsection shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no more than \$50.

§ 46.2-930. Loitering on bridges or highway rights-of-way.

Pedestrians shall not loiter on any bridge or in any portion of the **right-of-way of any highway** where loitering has been determined by the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner or the local governing body of any city or town to present a public safety hazard and on which the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner or the governing body of any city or town has posted signs prohibiting such action. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a traffic infraction.

The **orange** highlighted areas of this portion of the newsletter denote updates to existing laws or new code sections.



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§ 46.2-1508.2. Display, parking, selling, advertising sale of certain used motor vehicles prohibited.

No owner or lessee of any real property shall permit the display or parking of more than five used motor vehicles within any 12-month period on such real property for the purpose of selling or advertising the sale of such used motor vehicles by the owner or lessee of such vehicles unless exempted pursuant to this section.

No owner or lessee of any used motor vehicle shall display or park such used motor vehicle on the real property of another for the purpose of selling or advertising the sale of such used motor vehicle if the display or parking of such vehicle will cause the owner or lessee of the real property to be in violation of the provisions of this section.

No owner or lessee of any used motor vehicle shall display or park such used motor vehicle on the real property of another for the purpose of selling or advertising the sale of such used motor vehicle unless the owner or lessee of such vehicle has the right to occupy such property pursuant to a lease or other occupancy document or prior written permission of the owner or lessee of the real property. Copies of such written permission shall be posted on the inside of a side window of the motor vehicle and must be retained by both the property owner or lessee and by the vehicle owner for at least 12 months and shall be made available to law-enforcement officers or agencies, the Board, and local zoning officials upon request.

The provisions of this section shall not apply if (i) the owner or lessee of the vehicle displayed or parked is employed by the owner or lessee of the real property on which the vehicle is displayed or parked; (ii) the owner or lessee of the vehicle displayed or parked is conducting business with the owner or lessee of the real property on which the vehicle is parked or displayed at the time such vehicle is displayed or parked; (iii) the real property on which a vehicle is parked is a parking lot for which a fee is charged for the use of such parking lot, the owner or lessee of the parked vehicle has paid the fee for the use of such parking lot, and such vehicle is legitimately parked on the property for purposes other than displaying, selling, or advertising the sale of such vehicle; or (iv) the vehicle displays a dealer's license plate pursuant to § 46.2-1550 and the licensed dealer is not displaying for sale or selling a motor vehicle at a location other than his specific business location without first meeting the requirements of § 46.2-1516.

The provisions of this section shall also not apply to (i) any motor vehicle dealer licensed under this chapter, or (ii) any owner or lessee of real property who permits the display or parking of five or more used motor vehicles on such real property by a licensed motor vehicle dealer within any 12-month period for the purpose of selling or advertising the sale of such used motor vehicles.

Except as permitted in § 46.2-631 and except as permitted in this section, no owner or lessee of any real property shall permit any used motor vehicle to be displayed or parked on such real property for the purpose of selling or advertising the sale of such used motor vehicle if such vehicle is not lawfully titled and registered in the name of the individual or entity offering such vehicle for sale as provided in Chapter 6 (§ 46.2-600 et seq.) of this title. However, this limitation shall not apply if the individual offering the vehicle for sale is an immediate family member of the owner or lessee of the real property on which the motor vehicle is displayed or parked for the purpose of selling or advertising the sale of such vehicle.

Except as permitted in § 46.2-631, no person shall advertise, display, sell, or offer for sale any used motor vehicle unless such vehicle is lawfully titled and registered in such person's name as provided in Chapter 6 (§ 46.2-600 et seq.) of this title. However, this limitation shall not apply if the person offering the vehicle for sale is a motor vehicle dealer licensed under this chapter or has the authority pursuant to law to advertise, display, sell, or offer for sale the used motor vehicle.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any law-enforcement officer or agency, local zoning official, or the owner or lessee of any real property upon which a vehicle is displayed or parked in violation of this section for longer than 48 consecutive hours after a notice on a form approved by the Board has been affixed or placed on the vehicle by a law-enforcement officer or agency, Board representative, local zoning official, or the owner or lessee of the real property upon which the vehicle is displayed or parked, may have any such vehicle towed from such real property and stored at the expense of the owner or lessee of such vehicle and may then dispose of such vehicle as provided in § 46.2-1203.

The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to eliminate, change, or supersede the requirement for any person to obtain a license under this chapter if such person engages in any conduct or activity for which a license is required under this chapter.



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1-866-411-TIPS or 703-691-8888

Fairfax County Police:
Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131

Citizen Reporting System:
(for reports not requiring officer response)
Call the non-emergency number at
703-691-2131 or report online at
www.fairfaxcounty.gov to public safety,
police department.



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Help To Serve and Protect Fairfax County



As the Fairfax County Police Department Auxiliary Police Officer Program (APO) celebrates 25 years of service, police encourage residents to consider joining this dynamic team of devoted volunteers.

Volunteers bring a wide variety of life experiences to the APO program, such as; law, military, public relations, clergy members, home-makers, teachers and students. These diverse skills and talents are tailored to police department duties and needs, as well as to the interest of the volunteers.

The roles and responsibilities of APOs are significant: they serve programs and events that are critical to protecting and fostering public safety in Fairfax County. Assisting officers at weekly sobriety checkpoints, supporting community training programs such as Sexual Assault Free and Empowered (SAFE), role-playing at the Fairfax Criminal Justice Academy, conducting home security surveys and taking fingerprints at community events are just a few examples where volunteers are needed throughout the police department.

Auxiliary officers are provided training, uniforms, and all necessary equipment. Officers will be expected to perform an average of 24 hours of volunteer service each month. Applicants must be in good health, without a criminal record or history of drug use and not be an applicant for police officer in any jurisdiction.

Help make your community a safer place to work and live. Make your spare time matter. Consider becoming an APO today.

To learn more about the APO program or to sign up to begin the application process, call 703-280-0701 or check out auxiliarypolice@fairfaxcounty.gov.